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New Orleans Hunts for JFK 'Plot'

The Orleans Parish District Attorney's office in New Orleans was reported yesterday to be making a special investigation into a possible conspiracy in President Jonh F. Kennedy's assassination.

The New Orleans States-Item, in a copyrighted story, said District Attorney Jim Garrison's office has spent more than $8000 since last Nov. 25 on unexplained travel and "investigative expenses."

The exact nature of the investigation is unclear, but the States-Item suggested it concerns "the possibility of a well-organized assassination plot in which New Orleans and New Orleans residents were somehow directly involved."

Garrison's office stated. "There is no basis for the story. Mr. Garrison assumes the story is based on rumor."

The States-Item reported, however, that a Garrison aide some weeks ago confirmed an investigation was in progress though he had little hope it would uncover any new information.

Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald had lived in New Orleans the summer before the Nov. 22, 1963 slaying in Dallas and claimed, while there, to represent a pro-Castro "Fair Play for Cuba" group.